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To whom it may concern,

I am stunned at the light slap on the wrist that you are giving Microsoft. They have a monopoly? Clear and simple. I went to ComUSA two days ago in Modesto California. I asked if I could buy a computer without Windows XP. The answer was NO, YOU CANNOT.

I do not like many things about all of the Windows operating systems and you leave me no choice. They include stuff that I do not want that I cannot get rid of. Their applications disable any of mine that do the same thing only better. Yet I cannot buy a computer that does not come with their OS forcing me to pay for something I do not want.

I am asking you one, maybe two simple questions.

1. Do you really think that this is good for the consumer?
2. What are you smoking?

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